

MICHELDEVER PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

July 2016

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

William Helen

This copy of the Dever is provided free of charge to all residents by the Parish Council. The annual Parish Assembly was held on Wednesday 20th April at the Warren Centre and my report covers many of the matters discussed at the meeting.

The meeting commenced with a presentation by Leanne Smith, Chief Executive of Winchester Housing Trust. Leanne showed outline proposals for the remaining land at Barron Close but made it clear that these were only for consultation and consideration and that nothing has yet been formally decided. She noted that a public consultation will take place in 6 to 8 weeks' time, when feedback will be sought from residents.

The presentation will be available on the village website.

I would like to thank Leanne, on behalf of the Parish Council and residents, for attending the meeting and for keeping residents informed of the proposed development.

Planning

The Parish Council have held more planning meetings in the past year than is usual due, in the main, to the proposal by Hampshire County Council to construct and operate an asphalt plant in Micheldever Station. The Parish Council strongly opposed the application and a group of councillors visited a working asphalt plant with Hampshire County Councillor Jackie Porter who organised the visit.

The planning application was ultimately passed but only for a five year period and with stringent controls and monitoring. The

Parish Council did all it could to oppose the application and will remain involved in the monitoring of the plant.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind residents that they can consult with the Parish Council at the pre-application stage of planning and that they should also discuss proposals with their neighbours before submitting a planning application.

Around the Parish:

Micheldever

Northbrook Hall

A grant and loan have been made to the hall in the past year to assist with providing the new entrance way and disabled access ramp.

20mph proposal

Micheldever put itself forward to be included in a pilot project of 20mph zones in rural villages. The Parish Council conducted a consultation with residents to assess support for a smaller 20mph zone in the centre of the village. This matter is ongoing but it seems likely now that Hampshire County Council may no longer have the resources available to fund the trial.

Dog fouling

This has been a persistent problem, particularly on and around the Lord Rank Playing Field, throughout the year. It presents a serious risk to the sight of children and I would like to encourage residents to report any incidents they witness of owners not clearing up after their dogs. It is also noted that bags must be placed in a bin or taken home.

Safer Routes to School

The remaining Safer Routes to School money is being used to construct a footpath to the back of the school from Rook Lane. The path will be 1.2 metres wide and the Parish Council are at the stage of seeking tenders for the fencing and path construction. A gate at the end of the path will be open at the beginning and end of the school day to allow access from the LRPF, Dever and Barron Close etc

The path has been made possible through the generosity of Mrs Cameron of Micheldever House and I would like to express the Parish Council's thanks for her generosity.

Network Rail

Communication with Network Rail remains difficult and slow, although some success has been achieved with parking during the most recent works. Residents are encouraged to use 101 to report any incidents of roads being blocked, vehicles being parked dangerously or obstructively and litter being left along the road. These are all offences and the Police have indicated that they will investigate and consider prosecution as appropriate but evidence, usually in the form of photographs, may be required as the Police cannot always respond immediately to such incidents.

East Stratton

Two new trees have been planted in East Stratton to replace the memorial trees which were not thriving, extra guarding around the base has been installed to prevent debarking.

Micheldever Station

The Warren Centre

I would like to express my praise to the community for their efforts in bringing about the significant improvements to the hall and facilities and note that the Parish

Council had been able to help by taking out a Public Works Board Loan and making a grant and loan to the hall.

The provision of a grant for improved car park lighting has also been provided by the Parish Council with consideration for local residents light pollution.

Trees on Andover Road

The trees have been pollarded to make them safe but the advice received is that they only now have an expected remaining life of ten years before they would need to be removed. A new line of trees is therefore to be planted in the autumn.

Parking Overton Road & Micheldever Station general

This remains a major issue and following the public meeting organised by the Parish Council in October 2015 one consultation has been undertaken by Winchester City Council and a re-consultation is imminent. Subject to approval of the revised proposals, formal advertising will take place in May.

Lorries Through villages

It has been noted that the number of large vehicles entering the villages appears to have increased in the past year and that this might be due to Sat Navs and foreign drivers. The signage is poor and the Parish Council have been fighting to have the width restriction signs replaced on the entrance to Micheldever and have written to local companies asking that their drivers and suppliers avoid the villages.

The junction of Overton Road and Larkwhistle Farm Road is also causing major concerns with three accidents having occurred in the last 12 months. Plans to make the junction safer have been drawn up and are currently being considered.

Shops

The Micheldever shop is now open and being supported by residents. Under the planning

application granted for the site trading has to remain uninterrupted and the new shop has to be capable of trading before the old shop can be converted.

The equipment from the East Stratton shop will be utilised at the Warren Centre and profits from the coffee shop will be used to buy stock for the shop. There is to be a 'Made in Micheldever' section where residents can sell their own produce.

It was my great pleasure to close the meeting with the presentation of a scroll granting the Freedom of the Parish of Micheldever to retiring Winchester City Councillor Barry Lipscomb to thank him for 14 years of service as a City Councillor in the Micheldever Ward and for all the help and advice he has provided to the Parish Council during this time. A bouquet of flowers was presented to Mrs Christine Lipscomb.

MICHELDEVER PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS 2015/16

Meetings are all on Wednesdays

All residents are welcome and encouraged to attend.

They start at 7:30pm and are open to public participation at 8:00pm for 15 minutes.

Dates and Venues of Meetings 2016/17

6th July	East Stratton Village Hall	4th January	The Warren Centre
7th September	Northbrook Hall	1st February	East Stratton Village Hall
5th October	The Warren Centre	1st March	Northbrook Hall
2nd November	East Stratton Village Hall	5th April	The Warren Centre
7th December	Northbrook Hall	3rd May	East Stratton Village Hall

Parish Assembly 19th April 2017 at East Stratton Village Hall

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